

JOHN REARDON . . . a man out in the cold.

The man who took Chesham to Wembley

DESPITE his long association with Wycombe Wanderers, John Reardon will always be remembered as the man who took Chesham United to the 1968 FA Amateur Cup final at Wembley — a remarkable feat with a small club that hit the national headlines.

In the event the gallant Athenian League minnows went down 1-0 to the mighty Leytonstone. But it could all have been so different as Chesham themselves missed a penalty.

Reardon, now 46, comes from South Wales and was one of six footballers in the family. His best Known brother is the former Wanderers Terry Reardon who now plays for Slough Town.

When 18 John was on Arsenal's books but after National Service decided to stay in Amateur football as an inside forward with Slough, Maidenhead and Wycombe. He moved to Chesham as a player in 1961 and was player-manager of the reserves before succeeding Sid Prosser as first team boss.



